

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF MR. STAN GOOCH AND THE IMPACT HE HAD ON BOY'S BASKETBALL IN MICHIGAN

HON. DANIEL T. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 1, 2017

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I ask the United States House of Representatives join me in recognizing Mr. Stan Gooch, of Grand Blanc, for his tremendous, lasting impact in the field of basketball in the Flint area, as well as the State of Michigan as a whole. Anyone who knew Stan will tell you that he was much more than a coach to our community. He was a man who loved his players and truly loved the game of basketball. As the Member of Congress representing the Fifth District of Michigan, I am honored to recognize his life and to have represented Stan.

In 2008, Stan was inducted into the National High School Athletic Coaches Hall of Fame after building a legendary basketball program over the span of 41 years, retiring in 2000. Throughout his four decade-long career, he established himself as a genius coaching high school basketball and was recognized and respected for his skills by colleagues. During his career, he led his Flint Central basketball team to three straight Class A State Championships, from 1981 to 1983. This success, many of his fans believe, is attributed to a coaching system of 'organized chaos.'

Former players saw him as "one of the greatest high school coaches in this area." Not only was he inducted into the National High School Athletic Coaches Hall of Fame, Stan's stellar career gained him entrance into the Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame, the Michigan Basketball Coaches Association Hall of Fame, and the Michigan High School Coaches Association Hall of Fame. It is worth noting, though, that he went beyond simply being his players' coach. He established himself as a mentor to several of the young men he coached, staying in their lives even after high school. He was also responsible for molding some of these high school students into successful, professional athletes.

For these and many other reasons, I feel compelled to honor the life of Stan Gooch. I hope that his legacy, as a coach and a man, will never be forgotten.

TRIBUTE TO THE 2017 EARLHAM HIGH SCHOOL JAZZ BAND

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate the Earlham High School Jazz Band for being named the Iowa Class 2A State Jazz Band Champions.

I would like to congratulate each member of the band:

Band Members:

Austin Griswold—Alto Saxophone, Eva Fisk—Alto Saxophone, Garret Taylor—Tenor Saxophone, Kaylee Hohertz—Tenor Saxophone, Kaylie Johnson—Tenor Saxophone,

John Tibben—Baritone Saxophone, Tate Rasmussen—Trombone, Natassja Reed—Trombone, Joshua Woolcott—Trombone, Jake Willem—Trombone, Gabe LeGrand—Trombone, McKenzie Von Rentzell—Trumpet, Kelsey Tibbs—Trumpet, Nick Coon—Trumpet, Ehlan Brown—Trumpet, Garion Brown—Trumpet, Haley LeGrand—Trumpet, Grant Becker—Guitar, Stephen Woolcott—Bass, Harrison Miller—Drums, Clay Griswold—Drums, Ashlynn Cutting—Piano, Elisabeth Evans—Vibes.

Director: Nate Sletten.

Mr. Speaker, the band's success this year is a testament of their hard work, perseverance, and teamwork. I ask that all of my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating these young men and women and their director for being crowned the 2017 Iowa Class 2A Jazz Band Champions and in wishing them all nothing but continued success.

HONORING RETIRING BURBANK MAYOR HARRY KLEIN

HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 1, 2017

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mayor Harry Klein who is retiring after serving the City of Burbank as their mayor for 26 years.

Mayor Klein was first appointed mayor in 1991 after the previous mayor resigned due to health concerns. He was subsequently elected to six consecutive terms starting in 1993. He has been a resident of Burbank since 1964 and raised three children in the community. He now has seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

As the Mayor of Burbank, Harry has been especially active on infrastructure issues, a priority for the residents of Burbank. He was instrumental in paving sidewalks all throughout the community. He also prioritized the installation of street lights in Burbank, significantly increasing the walkability and safety of the city.

Mayor Klein has represented the interests of the residents of Burbank very well over these 26 years. He personally answered his constituents' phone calls and did his absolute best to solve whatever problems they had. In his city of 29,000 he knows many residents by name and will speak with them on the street whenever he can. Just recently I witnessed the love that residents have for Harry as they greeted him at Opening Day at Burbank American and Burbank National Little Leagues.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mayor Harry Klein for his public service and congratulate him on his achievements. He is well deserving of praise for the energy he has dedicated to improving the lives of the residents of Burbank. I wish him the best in his retirement.

HASSON REDDICK FIRST ROUND NFL DRAFT PICK

HON. DWIGHT EVANS

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 1, 2017

Mr. EVANS. Mr. Speaker, right now, the NHL playoffs are going on but my Philadelphia Flyers are sitting in the penalty box, and as NBA teams seek the title in the NBA playoffs, sadly the Sixers have fouled out. But Philadelphians fear not! Hasson Reddick, a proud member of the Temple football team gives us all something to cheer for—because not only did he graduate already but he was picked in the First Round of the NFL DRAFT at number 13—lucky number 13.

I want to extend my congratulations to Hasson Reddick. Hasson Reddick graduated from Temple University in Philadelphia with a degree in Criminal Justice in December 2016. As you know, the NFL draft was in the City of Philadelphia last week and Line Backer Hasson Reddick was a first round draft pick at number 13.

Hasson Reddick grew up in Camden, New Jersey. His mom is an educator at a Head Start in New Jersey and always stressed the importance of getting a good education. Education was always her top priority for her son. Hasson Reddick's father would practice football with his son early in the morning every day.

Hasson Reddick started as a walk-on at Temple and was a part of the team for his entire collegiate career. Hasson Reddick is the true embodiment of perseverance. He is an example of persistence, keeping at a dream and not taking the word "no" for an answer.

Hasson Reddick has not only made his family and friends proud but he has made the City of Philadelphia and the City of Camden proud. Congrats again, way to set a wonderful example for our neighborhoods.

HONORING GARY THOMAS

HON. JARED HUFFMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 1, 2017

Mr. HUFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, we rise today in memory of Judge Gary Thomas, who passed away on April 3, 2017, after a lifetime of service to his community.

A graduate of the University of San Francisco and the University of San Francisco School of Law, Judge Thomas joined the California Bar in 1962. From 1962 to 1968, Judge Thomas was also a member of the United States Air Force Reserve. A San Rafael resident, Judge Thomas spent his professional life serving Marin County, first as a county prosecutor, then as an assistant district attorney, then as a Judge appointed in 1972 by Governor Ronald Reagan, where he was reelected by the public several times.

Mr. Thomas was paralyzed during the 1970 shootout at the Marin County Civic Center when he was prosecuting a case of a San Quentin inmate who was charged with assaulting a prison guard. During the trial, the defendant's brother, along with others, took Judge Thomas, Judge Harold Haley, and

three female jurors, hostage. During the escape, a gunfight began. With bravery and courage, Judge Thomas was able to grab one of the assailant's guns to protect himself and the other hostages. Judge Thomas was shot near his spine which left him paralyzed from the waist down. Judge Thomas returned to work five weeks later. Related to the injury, he would suffer from kidney problems, pneumonia, and other complications throughout his life; but he continued to serve on the bench until 1999, showing strength and resilience few will ever know.

Mr. Speaker, the depth of Judge Thomas's service to his local community as well as his commitment to his family and the judiciary has left a positive legacy to many, and he will be dearly missed. It is therefore appropriate that we pay tribute to him today and honor his memory.

HONORING COACH CRAIG
ENGELBRECHT FOR HIS INDUC-
TION INTO THE MISSOURI BAS-
KETBALL COACHES ASSOCIATION
HALL OF FAME ON SATURDAY,
APRIL 22, 2017

HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 1, 2017

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a constituent of Missouri's Third District, Coach Craig Engelbrecht, who was inducted into the Missouri Basketball Coaches Association Hall of Fame on Saturday, April 22, 2017 at the Missouri Sports Hall of Fame in Springfield, MO. Coach Engelbrecht dedicated 33 years of his life as an educator at Eugene High School, and has spent 27 of those years coaching. Coach Engelbrecht recently celebrated his 500th varsity win, and is deserving of membership in the Hall of Fame.

Coach Engelbrecht's childhood was spent in the Eugene area and he always wanted to return to that area to plant his roots. He grew up in a family that served the community by working in the school system. His mother taught in Russellville for 31 years and his Father was a custodian after a career at MFA Feed Mill in Eugene. After graduating from high school in 1979, Coach Engelbrecht spent his college years at University of Central Missouri in Warrensburg. In 1983, he graduated with his degree in Physical Education and a minor in speech/drama.

In 1984, Coach Engelbrecht started his teaching career at Russellville and shortly thereafter began his coaching career. During his time at Eugene, he taught many subjects including English, Speech, and Drama, and was even responsible for putting on the annual spring play with his students. Eventually, Coach Engelbrecht began teaching Physical Education, and knowing the importance of being physically active, he always encouraged his students to participate in all activities and classes.

In 1990, Coach Engelbrecht became the head varsity boys basketball coach. He knew it was vitally important to establish a stable and hard-working program that would lay the groundwork for success on the court. The mantra for the Eugene basketball team is this:

"we play hard, we play smart, we play together, and we play fast." Coach Engelbrecht encourages his teams to use this mantra on the basketball court and in real life. He has instilled in his students and players a mentality to never quit and to always strive to achieve their goals. Coach Engelbrecht has built many relationships with his students and enjoys seeing many of them take his words of encouragement to heart and apply it to their daily lives. Additionally, he enjoys seeing former students and players begin basketball coaching and refereeing careers of their own.

Coach Engelbrecht's family is involved in the education field as well. The Eldon Career Center is currently under the direction of his wife, Kelli. The Eldon School District is where his son, Christian, is a paraprofessional. His daughter, Katelyn has played basketball and after her graduation will attend college at her father's alma mater, University of Central Missouri—Warrensburg.

Throughout his 33 year career in education, Coach Engelbrecht has seen God take care of him. He acknowledges the great support system he has and knows that without that support, he would not have achieved his level of success on the basketball court.

With his retirement from teaching, Coach Engelbrecht will be able to spend more time with his family. Kelli, Christian, and Katelyn will enjoy the additional moments they have with their beloved father. Despite his retirement from teaching, Coach Engelbrecht has not decided to hang up his coaching jersey just yet as he continues to coach boys varsity basketball at Eugene High School.

I ask you to join me in recognizing Coach Craig Engelbrecht on this induction into the Missouri Sports Hall of Fame by the Missouri Basketball Coaches Association and on his retirement from teaching after 33 years of improving the daily lives of all those at Eugene High School, whether it be in the classroom or in the gym.

TRIBUTE TO CINDY AND DICK RYBA

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 1, 2017

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Cindy and Dick Ryba of Treynor, Iowa, on the very special occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary. They celebrated their anniversary on March 31, 2017.

Cindy and Dick's lifelong commitment to each other and their family truly embodies our Iowa values. As they reflect on their 50th anniversary, may their commitment grow even stronger, as they continue to love, cherish, and honor one another for many years to come.

Mr. Speaker, I commend this great couple on their 50th year together and I wish them many more. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating them on this momentous occasion and in wishing them both nothing but continued success.

HONORING FIRST STATE BANK IN
ST. CHARLES FOR ITS 150TH AN-
NIVERSARY

HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 1, 2017

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a business in my district, First State Bank in St. Charles on its 150th Anniversary. This celebration will be held on May 10, 2017.

In 1867, First State Bank planted its roots on Main Street in St. Charles, Missouri. First State Bank has been successful for one and a half centuries, because, among other things, customer satisfaction is a top priority and ownership of the bank is shared only between local shareholders and bank employees. Since its humble beginning, First State Bank has been an independent and locally-owned community bank serving St. Charles and St. Louis residents and businesses. First State Bank's fundamental approach to customer service is simple; treat every customer like a person, not just a number. This personalized service shows the dedication this bank has to its customers and the community. First State Bank prides itself as an ESOP (Employee Stock Ownership Plan) business, which allows for the employees to own part of the bank. As a bank that is privately-held, the institution answers only to its employees and local, private stockholders. This means that decisions can be made that are in the best interest of the customers and the local community.

The growth of First State Bank has been steady and with that growth it now has 224 employees. In 2016 alone, it hired 48 new employees. First State Bank strives to maintain a philosophy to ignite energy and improve customer service and increase employee retention. This philosophy encourages the employees in four areas when it comes to serving the customers: play, make their day, be there, and to choose their attitudes.

The commitment that First State Bank has to the community is commendable. Over 66 local and national non-profit organizations benefit from charitable donations by First State Bank. Employees are encouraged to volunteer and have committed their time and talents to 32 local non-profit boards. Other organizations that appreciate First State Bank's generous employees are Oasis Food Pantry and Habitat for Humanity. Additionally, "Team FSB" willingly coordinates school supplies, winter coats, food drives, and collects monetary donations for various non-profits throughout the year.

I ask you to join me in recognizing First State Bank on their 150th Anniversary. First State Bank is truly a community bank.

IN RECOGNITION OF SERGEANT DAVID WELSH

HON. PATRICK MEEHAN

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 1, 2017

Mr. MEEHAN. Mr. Speaker, today I honor Sergeant David Welsh of the Springfield Township Police Department. Sergeant Welsh